

(c) whether SCs/STs Members are also appointed to Telephone Advisory Committees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) List of the Telecom Advisory Committees of the States yet to be formed are as per the attached Statement.

(c) Prominent social workers/eminent persons are nominated to much committees including members of SC/ST Communities.

(d) Since Telecom Advisory Committees are in the stage of formation, it would not be possible to state now the names of members of the Telecom Advisory Committees.

STATEMENT

Names of the States where Telecom Advisory Committee are yet to be Formed.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunchal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Goa
5. Himachal Pradesh
6. Maharashtra
7. Manipur
8. Meghalaya
9. Mizoram

10. Mizoram

11. Nagaland

12. Punjab

13. Sikkim

14. Tripura

15. West Bengal.

Better Telecommunication Facilities in Country

2743. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide better telecommunication facilities to the people during Eight Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new telephone connections likely to be given by the end of the above plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide better telecommunications facilities to the people the draft 8th plan proposals include:-

-Full automatisation of network by March 1994.

-Replacements/Upgradation of life expired and wornout equipment.

-Provision of additional 3000 Rkms of ducts of underground cables.

-Practically all new equipment proposed for induction during the 8th plan period to be of digital type.

-Further computerisation of telecommunication services such as directory, enquiry, billing, manual trunk service, etc.

-Use of improved computerised network management techniques.

-National Subscriber Dialling facility to all telephone exchanges by the end of 8th plan.

-All District Head Quarters will have National Subscriber dialling facility by March 92 and Sub Divisional Head quarters by March 95.

-Provision of phone facility in all Gram Panchayats by 1.4.

-Highway telephones on national highways.

(c) 75 lakhs.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges In Kerala

2744. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges in Kerala;

(b) the number of exchanges out of them Kaolam and Pathanamthitta, separately;

(c) the number of new telephone exchanges to be opened in Kerala other than Kaolam and Pathanamthitta district during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Kerala State is 191.

(b) The number of electronic exchanges in Quilon is 14 and in Pathanamthitta is 4.

(c) and (d). The number of new telephone exchanges to be opened during 1991-92 in Kerala (excluding Quilon and Pathanamthitta) is 31. The details are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Number of exchanges to be opened in Kerala other than Quilon and Pathanamthitta Districts during 1991-92.

1. Trivandrum Medical College Commissioned
2. Ambalamukku -Do-
3. Kariavttom -Do-
4. Aruvikkora -Do-
5. Kottiyoor -Do-
6. Trumpupalam MILT -Do-
7. Ernakulam Service Line-ILT -Do-
8. Kottaym Commissioned
9. Chempanode
10. Elamkulam
11. Kappad
12. Thottumukkom
13. Varadoor